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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/630,080 for
SHIELD APPARATUS FOR POWER TRIMMER
Our Ref. No. 1449/5

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. An Amendment Transmittal Form (2 pages) in duplicate;
2. An Amendment D (21 pages);
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Enclosures



Practitioner's Docket No. 1449/5

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In application of: Adam G. Hanes, Kevin King

Application No.: 10/630,080

Group No.: 3724

Filed: 09/08/2005

Examiner: Peterson, K.

For: SHIELD APPARATUS FOR POWER TRIMMER

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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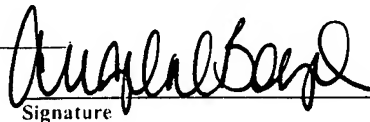
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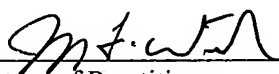
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No additional fee for claims is required.

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AMENDMENT D

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated October 28, 2005, having a period for response without extension by January 28, 2006. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.